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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/6/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-29 and 31-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-29 and 31-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4/6/06 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-5, 7-29 and 31-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duffield et al. (US 5,398,074 A) in view of Hendricks et al. (US 20040010804 A1).

Regarding claim 1, Duffield discloses a method of displaying recently accessed television channels comprising the following steps: determining whether a television channel has been recently selected by a user (determining a channel that is frequently and/or continuously selected and reselected by a viewer – see col. 1, lines 14-19); adding the television channel to a list of selected channels if the television channel was determined to be recently selected and generating a primary display screen having multiple small display screens, each small display screen corresponding to one of the selected channels (secondary video pictures 24 representing channels frequently and/or continuously selected and reselected by the viewer are displayed on a screen 20 – see figures 1-3; see col. 1, lines 14-19; col. 3, lines 38-58).

Duffield also does not disclose displaying a live television broadcast through a web browser program. However, Hendricks teaches presenting a live video of television broadcast from a remote site on a "Discovery channel" web page as illustrated in figure 14 (see figures 11-14, 0051-0054, 0074, 0134, 0136, 0138, 0179, 0180). Therefore, it would have been obvious to

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one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Duffield by displaying a live video of television broadcast on a web page as taught by Hendricks in order to allow the users to access live video from the remote site interactively and widely.

Regarding claims **2 and 3**, Duffield discloses monitoring the selected channel for a predetermined length of time (frequently and/or continuously channel selected and reselected by the viewer – see col. 1, lines 14-19).

Regarding claims **4 and 5**, Duffield discloses selecting the television channel from the secondary video pictures using a remote control in response to on-screen menu prompts (see col. 4, lines 20-24).

Regarding claims **7 and 9-11**, Duffield discloses enabling the selection of a channel from secondary video pictures by highlighting and moving the highlighting up or down the video pictures with the remote control (see col. 6, lines 20-28).

Regarding claim **8**, Duffield discloses enlarging the selected picture as a main screen (see figures 1-3). Duffield does not disclose removing the remaining secondary video pictures. Official Notice is taken that the feature of displaying a selected picture on a full screen and removing other pictures from the screen is well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Duffield by displaying a selected picture on a full screen and removing other pictures from the screen in order to view the selected picture on screen without obstructiveness.

Regarding claim **12**, Duffield discloses that the new selected channel appears in the middle and the former selected channel is moved to the top or bottom (see col. 6, lines 29-33).

Regarding claim **13-15 and 17**, Duffield discloses displaying multiple viewing secondary video pictures of the channels on screen and allowing the user to select one for displaying on main screen (see figures 1-3).

Regarding claim **16, 18 and 19**, Duffield discloses updating the pictures at full speed (see col. 4, lines 9-17).

Regarding claim **20**, Duffield discloses a method comprising the following steps: generating a primary display screen having multiple small display screens, each small display screen corresponding to one of the selected channels (secondary video pictures 24 representing channels frequently and/or continuously selected and reselected by the viewer are displayed on a screen 20 – see figures 1-3; see col. 1, lines 14-19; col. 3, lines 38-58); applying a focus (a distinct border design 72) to one of the small display screens to designate the one small display screen as active and containing a currently selected channel and to differentiate the active small display screen from remaining ones of the small display screens (enabling the selection of a channel from secondary video pictures by highlighting and moving the highlighting up or down the video pictures with the remote control - see col. 6, lines 20-28).

Duffield does not disclose displaying a live television broadcast through a web browser program. However, Hendricks teaches presenting a live video of television broadcast from a remote site on a “Discovery channel” web page as illustrated in figure 14 (see figures 11-14, 0051-0054, 0074, 0134, 0136, 0138, 0179, 0180). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Duffield by displaying a live video of television broadcast on a web page as taught by Hendricks in order to allow the users to access live video from a remote site interactively and widely.

Regarding claim **21**, Duffield discloses enlarging the selected picture as a main screen (see figures 1-3). Duffield does not disclose removing the remaining secondary video pictures. Official Notice is taken that the feature of displaying a selected picture on a full screen and removing other pictures from the screen is well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the

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system of Duffield by displaying a selected picture on a full screen and removing other pictures from the screen in order to view the selected picture on screen without obstructiveness.

Regarding claims **22 and 23**, Duffield discloses enabling the selection of a channel from secondary video pictures by highlighting and moving the highlighting up or down the video pictures with the remote control (see col. 6, lines 20-28), and displaying multiple viewing secondary video pictures of the channels on screen and allowing the user to select one for displaying on main screen (see figures 1-3).

Regarding claims **24 and 25**, Duffield discloses updating the pictures at full speed (see col. 4, lines 9-17).

Regarding claim **26**, Duffield discloses a method comprising the following steps: generating a primary display screen having multiple small display screens, each small display screen corresponding to one of the selected channels (secondary video pictures 24 representing channels frequently and/or continuously selected and reselected by the viewer are displayed on a screen 20 – see figures 1-3; see col. 1, lines 14-19; col. 3, lines 38-58); displaying still images captures form corresponding channels in the small display screens (secondary video pictures 24 representing channels frequently and/or continuously selected and reselected by the viewer are displayed on a screen 20 – see figures 1-3; see col. 1, lines 14-19; col. 3, lines 38-58).

Duffield does not disclose displaying a live television broadcast through a web browser program. However, Hendricks teaches presenting a live video of television broadcast from a remote site on a "Discovery channel" web page as illustrated in figure 14 (see figures 11-14, 0051-0054, 0074, 0134, 0136, 0138, 0179, 0180). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Duffield by

displaying a live video of television broadcast on a web page as taught by Hendricks in order to allow the users to access live video from a remote site interactively and widely.

Regarding claim **27**, Duffield discloses updating the pictures at full speed (see col. 4, lines 9-17).

Regarding claim **28**, Duffield discloses displaying multiple viewing secondary video pictures of the channels on screen (see figures 1-3).

Regarding claim **29**, Duffield discloses a client system capable of receiving multiple television channels, comprising: a processor (82); and a memory (inside the processor) having stored therein executable instructions (software) which, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the following steps: determining whether a television channel has been recently selected by a user (determining a channel that is frequently and/or continuously selected and reselected by a viewer – see col. 1, lines 14-19); adding the television channel to a list of selected channels if the television channel was determined to be recently selected and generating a primary display screen having multiple small display screens, each small display screen corresponding to one of the selected channels (secondary video pictures 24 representing channels frequently and/or continuously selected and reselected by the viewer are displayed on a screen 20 – see figures 1-3; see col. 1, lines 14-19; col. 3, lines 38-58).

Duffield does not explicitly disclose displaying a live television broadcast through an interactive display environment including World Wide Web content. However, Hendricks teaches presenting a live video of television broadcast from a remote site on a “Discovery channel” web page as illustrated in figure 14 (see figures 11-14, 0051-0054, 0074, 0134, 0136, 0138, 0179, 0180). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Duffield by displaying a live video of

television broadcast on a web page as taught by Hendricks in order to allow the users to access live video from a remote site interactively and widely.

Regarding claim **31**, it is noted that the web page includes HTML object in view of the combined teachings of Duffield and Hendricks (see Hendricks: figures 11-14; 0051-0054; 0133-0138).

Regarding claim **32**, Hendricks further teaches an Internet system comprising at least one server system, a wide area network interconnecting the server system and one or more client systems as recited in claim 29 (see figures 9B-10).

Claims **33, 34, and 35** are computer-readable medium claims which embody the method steps of claims 1, 20, and 26, respectively, in computer code (i.e., software or instructions) (see Duffield: col. 6, lines 45-50; Hendricks: 0101 and rejection of claims 1, 20 and 26 above).

4. Claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over in view of Hendricks et al. (US 20040010804 A1) in view of Duffield et al. (US 5,398,074 A).

Regarding claim **36**, Hendricks discloses in a set top box system (set top converter box at user terminal) capable of receiving and presenting both television and web content on a television (see 0178-0181 and 0183), a user interface executing on the set top box system (set top converter box at user terminal) comprising a primary display screen displaying a live television broadcast through a web browser program (presenting a live video of television broadcast from a remote site on a "Discovery channel" web page - see figures 11-14, 0051-0054, 0074, 0134, 0136, 0138, 0179, 0180).

Hendricks does not disclose displaying multiple small display screens wherein each small display screen corresponding to a channel recently selected by a user and a movable focus to designate one of the small display screens from remaining ones of the small display screens. However, Duffield discloses that secondary video pictures 24 representing channels

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frequently and/or continuously selected and reselected by the viewer are displayed on a screen 20 (see figures 1-3; see col. 1, lines 14-19; col. 3, lines 38-58). Duffield further discloses enabling the selection of a channel from secondary video pictures by highlighting and moving the highlighting up or down the video pictures with the remote control (see col. 6, lines 20-28). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Hendricks by displaying video pictures representing channels frequently and/or continuously selected and reselected by the user as taught by Duffield in order to allow the user to selectively view the recently selected channels.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngoc K. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-7306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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